(p) if the decision is in favour of the scheme, will the Government be pleased to provide in the next budget and take up the scheme next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes

(b) 1. The Chalakkudi diversion scheme.
2. The Thanikkudam scheme.

(c) Yes.

(d) Mr. A. George, Special Assistant Engineer.

(e) The final report on the scheme is under preparation.

(f) Mr. A. George, Special Assistant Engineer.

(g) Vide Answer to (e).

(h) The Chalakkudi river diversion scheme is evidently the better scheme and every effort should be made to explore it before launching on the Thanikkudam scheme for the benefit of kole lands.

(i) He expressed the opinion given in answer to sub-division (h).

(j) It is being scrutinised.

(k) No.

l) The estimate will have to be prepared when submitting the final report to the Government.

(m) Vide answer to above.

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Mr. C. V. Kuriyan —May I know how long were the new schemes investigated by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Chalakkudi diversion scheme was brought first to the notice of the Government 13 years ago, and we have completed the survey of the major portion of the diversion in 1103. But the question is pending for the settlement of certain questions, and the Government are at present taking urgent action to settle them. The Thannikudam scheme was investigated in 1093 and the final report is under preparation.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—May I know how long will that take to settle the question?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Since it is an interstatal matter, nothing definite can be said. It will be settled within 3 years or we may take more time.

460. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that kole-owners are willing to pay irrigation cess if proper system of irrigation is made available by the Government to kole cultivators?

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Some are and some are not.

Works in Cranganur.

461. **Mr. A. K. Kunhi Moideen.**—With reference to the answer to the question No. 305 of this session, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(എ) ഇക്കൊല്ലത്തിൽ പണമുണ്ടാകുന്നപക്ഷം പ്രസ്തുത പണികൾ ഇയാണ്ടിൽ തന്നെ നടത്തുവാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ;

(ബി) ഇല്ലെങ്കിൽ ക്ര ക്ര ൦ ൬ -ലെ ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചു പണം നടത്തുവാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—(എ) ഇനി ഇയ്യാണ്ടിൽ നടത്തുവാൻ സമയം മതിയാവുകയില്ല.

(ബി) ഇല്ല.

Encroachment—Reserve Forest.

462. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if anybody has encroached in the land referred to in question No. 290 of the Legislative Session of 1106; if so, who is it, what is the nature and extent of the encroachment, where was it and when was the area encroached upon from the Reserve Forests?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No encroachment been reported.

Contract in P. W. D.

463. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon as Diwan has issued direction to the present Chief Engineer after his appointment as such that no more contracts should be given to Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon in P. W. Department;

(b) was there a request from Mr. N. O. Inassu that Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon may be allowed to be taken as a partner by him in his contracts to the Chief Engineer or to the Government while Mr. P. Narayana Menon was Diwan; will a copy of the same be placed on the table of the House; what was the Chief Engineer's recommendation on this request?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There were no such directions.

(b) No. These questions do not arise in view of the answer given above.

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